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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

9.30 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of Stock-in-Trade of City of Paris Dressmaking and Millinery Establishment.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Botanic Gardens Building.

Meetings.

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club on the ground floor of Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Boxing at the City Hall.

9.15 p.m.—Open Air Concert on Volunteer Parade Ground.

9.15 p.m.—Performance of Hamilton's Circus at Kennedy Town.

General Memoranda.

Monday, October 25:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at 'Yalta' No. 65, Peak.

Wednesday, October 27:—

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Saturday, October 30:—

2.30 p.m.—A Bazaar & Fancy Fair on Volunteer Parade Ground.

5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital, in St. John's Cathedral.

Tuesday, November 4:—

9 p.m.—Concert at City Hall.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1909.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

To all persons who take any interest in local politics the annual budget debate in the Legislative Council is always looked forward to with a certain keenness of anticipation which does not attend upon an ordinary meeting. It is the great field-day of the unofficials, the special occasion when they can discharge their attacks, if necessary, upon the suggested policies of the Government, or offer advice in regard to the details of many contemplated schemes. It cannot be said that the unofficial members of the Hongkong Legislative Council miss much of the pleasure of the thing in this respect, though their influence upon the Government's action has often in the past not been so great as the community at times might have wished. Still they are a controlling factor and under the present Administration their advisory influence seems undoubtedly on the increase.

One of the most timely suggestions put forward on Thursday fell from the lips of the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, who, dealing with the greatly vexed question of subsidiary coinage, advocated a new coinage, redeemable at par. "To effect this reform," he said, "it would be necessary that new coins be struck which should be of exactly the same weight and fineness as the old, but with different superscription." Mr. Osborne in further elaboration of his scheme, said the old coins would have to be demonetised and upon that point alone he foresaw possible disagreement. The Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART, who spoke next, said that the proposal just advanced put the matter in a new light, and without committing himself, he would prefer to reconsider the matter.

THE TYPHOON.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

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TSAR'S VISIT TO ITALY.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANARCHISTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, October 21.

Secrecy is maintained regarding the Tsar's exact route through Italy.

Between Baroneccia and Reconigi, where the Tsar will meet King Emmanuel, eleven thousand Italian troops are concentrated.

Numerous arrests of foreign anarchists have been made in Italy.

THE DREADNOUGHT ERA.

BRITAIN TO LEAD THE WAY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, October 21.

Mr. George Lambert, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Peniculi, said Great Britain would have twenty Dreadnoughts by March, 1912, as compared with Germany's estimated thirteen.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN SPAIN.

RESIGNATION OF THE CABINET.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, October 22.

The Spanish Cabinet has resigned.

COOK CORROBORATED.

RASMUSSEN SENDS CONFIRMATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, October 22.

A letter from the Danish explorer Rasmussen has reached Copenhagen, in which he says that he closely cross-examined Dr. Cook's Eskimos, whose story corroborates his.

PRINCE ITO IN MANCHURIA.

JAPAN'S POLICY IN THE FAR EAST.

(Independent News Agency's Service to the China Mail.)

Tokyo, October 22.

Prince Ito attended a welcome meeting given in his honour by Chinese, Japanese and other foreign residents of Dairen.

In the course of a speech Prince Ito said that Japan relied entirely upon the peace of the Far East and consequently she is bound to help preserve it. Japan's hope is to honestly and truthfully materialize the principle of the open door and equal opportunity for trade and industry in Manchuria.

The progressive and reforming policy now being pursued by China is all what Japan could earnestly desire for her neighbour and the Japanese Government would spare no effort to help her both directly and indirectly.

In this Chinese policy of reform and the peaceful development of Manchuria, Prince Ito added, much depends upon the joint efforts of Chinese, Japanese, Russian and all other nationalities interested in the future of this great empire.

CHINESE MINISTER TO LONDON.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 21.

It is said that Sir Chen Tung Leang Chang, or Chao Eri Lin, will be appointed to succeed Lord Li Ching-fang, whose term of office as Chinese Minister to Great Britain will shortly expire.

TO HONOUR CHANG CHI-TUNG.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 21.

A certain official in the Board of Education proposes that a statue of Chang Chi-tung be erected, but the idea meets with the approval of few officials in the metropolis.

WHO SHALL PRESIDE AT THE WAI-WU-PU?

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service.)

Peking, October 21.

Leung Tun-yin having repeatedly asked to be allowed to retire from the Presidency of the Board of Foreign Affairs, the Prince Regent asked the Grand Councilors to make recommendations as regards a successor.

Prince Ching recommended Tang Shao-yi, Tsao Hsing-chi was in favour of Wu Ting-fang, and Shi She suggested Lin Tang.

THE ESTIMATES.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CRITICISED.

Subsidiary Coinage Question.

REMOVAL OF THE CLOCK TOWER.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of a bill entitled an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding five million six hundred and twenty-five thousand six hundred and eighty-three Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1910.

Hon. Colonial Treasurer seconded.

Hon. Mr. Horwitt—Your Excellency, I have been asked by the unofficial members to speak first in reply to the Budget speech which your Excellency made a fortnight ago. I understand that some of my colleagues will supplement what I have to say later on. Setting aside the question of the liquor duty, we all agree, I think, that the Budget taken as a whole is fairly satisfactory. That is to say, there is a revenue of \$6,908,000, including the liquor duty, and an expenditure estimated at only about \$4,000,000 more than that. I am sure it is very satisfactory to all of us to find that the loss of the opium farm for the next three years is very much less than at one time was feared. But with regard to that loss we have still to learn what attitude the Imperial Government will take up. We were promised—at least, so we understand by the Secretary of State in the House of Commons—that substantial compensation would be made for loss occasioned through a policy dictated to Hongkong by the Home Government. I understand that your Excellency spoke of the Imperial Government granting Hongkong half the amount of that loss. Speaking for myself—in this case I do not speak for my unofficial colleagues—I maintain that it would only be an act of justice if the Imperial Government granted to the Hongkong people at least the full loss of revenue on the next three years' opium farm by accepting a policy which we have never confessed. Turning generally to the question of the revenue of the Colony, there are one or two points on which I would like to touch. We all know that land sales have very largely decreased during the last few years. At one time they formed a very important item in our revenue, something like \$70,000, but there is no reason to suppose that there will be any material increase during the next two or three years certainly not as far as the island is concerned, as the country is largely developed. Another important item of our revenue, as we all know, has been the opium revenue. That, of course, is an extremely precarious item, and we have every reason to believe it possible that in a very short time that revenue may cease. Therefore it is very obvious, as your Excellency stated in your remarks the other day, that very during the next twelve months the financial problem of the Colony will not be very difficult, there will be in the immediate future a very serious financial problem to be faced. Reverting to the question of the opium duty, it is not very satisfactory to understand that the Government will be asked for a breach of law for certain increases in our revenue. I trust, although your Excellency may be right, that you may prove to be wrong, and that the Colony will prove more law-abiding than your Excellency appeared to contemplate. With regard to the loss of revenue on opium duties, I am not sure that I follow the remarks made by your Excellency, but perhaps you will correct me if I am mistaken. I followed your speech as published in HONGKONG, and it appeared to me that you rather connected the new revenue from liquor duties with the opium. It seems to me that would be wrong if that was the intention your Excellency meant to convey. I trust you did not mean to suggest, because we were getting an extra half million, or whatever the exact amount may be, from the new tax on liquor, that that might possibly be used as an argument by the Imperial Government against making a substantial contribution on account of the loss of revenue through the closing of the opium farms. It may be that I did not quite understand what your Excellency said, but I must confess that that was the impression left upon my mind as to what you did say. It is a great deal too early to even hazard a guess as to what revenue will be brought in by the new liquor duty. Your Excellency put it at the conservative figure of \$500,000. Personally I think it will be more. But I merely take the opportunity of expressing the hope which I am sure will be fulfilled, that the Local Government will not, because the revenue has been raised by three or four lakhs, launch out into any fresh expenditure. I hope and feel sure that the strict policy now introduced of carefully husbanding the revenue will be persisted in. In this connection I think it is advisable to refer to the estimate of the expenditure on public works. The original estimate was put down at something like \$3,000,000, but so far as I can gather the amount actually spent is not more than \$1,000,000, or 40 per cent more. The Law Courts were estimated to cost about four lakhs, but the figure now before the Council are almost double that amount, an increase of \$4 per cent. The same thing applies to the Post Office, which was expected to cost five lakhs, but which has now increased to \$75,000, an increase of 75 per cent. This does seem to show for many years past on all big public works in Hongkong, and my recollection goes back, I am sorry to say, for 30 years. I can only express the pious hope that my successor on this Council in years to come will not have the painful duty of calling the attention of the Government to the fact that the typhoon damage at Mongkokkai has exceeded the estimate by from 40 to 75 per cent, but rather that he will have the unique experience of congratulating the Government on such a thing not being mentioned. It appears to me that there must be something radically wrong in the way in which estimates for public works are drawn out here. In the first place, no one is asked to approve certain works which are going to cost a certain sum. Many years later, when they are nearly completed, we find that sum largely exceeded. Another point in connection with these big public works, to which I allude, is the fact that when again spent, is the unnecessarily long time spent in carrying them out. The Law Courts were started, if I remember rightly, at least nine years ago, and the Post Office about a year later. Looking at this from an unbusinesslike point of view, where the current revenue is to be paid annually and the new building is put up, I am quite prepared to hear arguments put forward against my proposal, and one will probably be that this is no time to have been. However, could not that have been done earlier? The Law Courts and Post Office were started, as I have said, a heavy rental which might have been saved. It might be suggested that when about to be covered by the current revenue the money is not available, but I don't think, from a business point of view, that is a sound argument, supposing such an argument were adduced. It appears to me perfectly reasonable to raise a five or ten year loan here to cover the cost of special works. We have a very notable example of the difference between the way in which certain Government building operations are carried out and the way in which other people conduct their business. Opposite the Post Office a very handsome building has been erected and the old one demolished. The work of putting down a new foundation and erecting a new building, one of the most handsome and best constructed in the Colony, was carried out in eighteen months. That building was erected by business men working on business lines, who wanted to receive in the shortest possible time a return for their investment. Your Excellency referred to various payments, principally with regard to the Law Courts, the fact that the Government had been carrying out the same time has now arrived when it is absolutely unreasonable to ask the Hongkong taxpayer to pay a single cash towards their maintenance. Your Excellency made reference to the Observatory, and as this is the only time in the year when we have a chance of climbing favourably and unobscuredly the policy of the Government and its officials. This is the time we should express our appreciation of the way the Observatory has been conducted. The more so, as we are perfectly well aware, that the Director is handicapped by not being fully connected with all sources of bad weather. That brings me to another point, the necessity of increasing the number of our stations. The Chinese Government some time ago agreed to erect a station on Pratas Island and now that the question of ownership has been settled, it is possible to induce them at the earliest possible moment to proceed with the work. I put forward this hope not only in the interests of foreign shipping, which, after all, is possibly not a great concern to the Chinese Government, but more in the interests of humanity. The Law Courts were estimated to cost about four lakhs, but the figure now before the Council are almost double that amount, an increase of \$4 per cent. The same thing applies to the Post Office, which was expected to cost five lakhs, but which has now increased to \$75,000, an increase of 75 per cent. This does seem to show for many years past on all big public works in Hongkong, and my recollection goes back, I am sorry to say, for 30 years. 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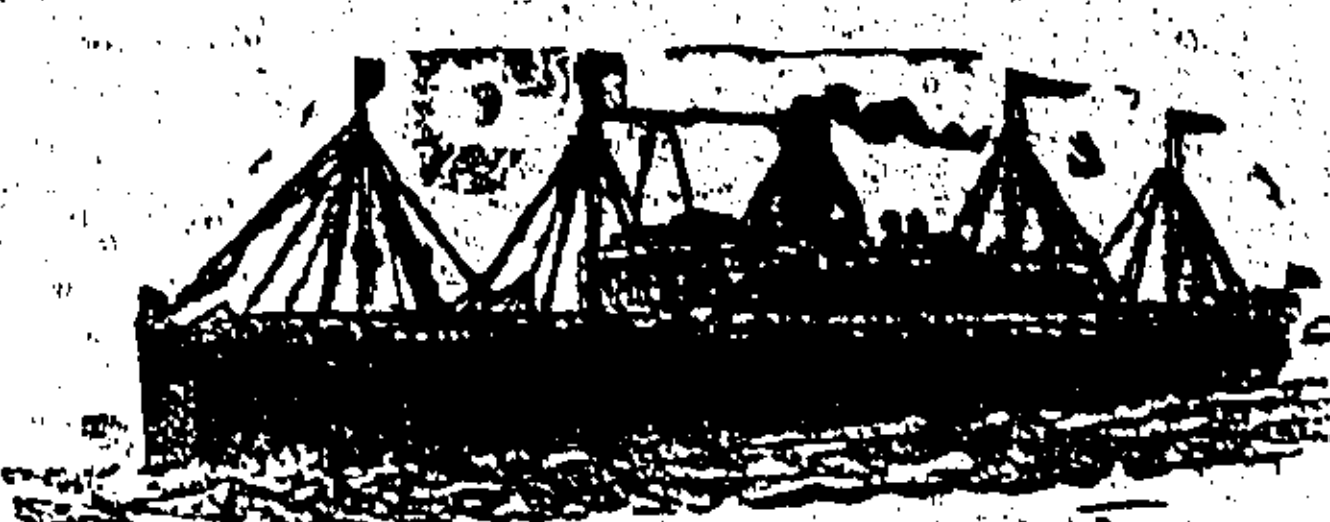
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REVIEW.

Travel and Exploration for August.

Since the whole civilized world is watching with interest the efforts of the Persian nation to rise to the rank of constitutional government, it is appropriate that the principal article in the September number of Travel and Exploration should describe that country. There is much that appeals to the imagination in that land of vast deserts and fair gardens, the home of the rose and the peach, the almond tree and the nightingale, where stand ruins of the kings who ruled mighty empires when Rome was a mere village. The author of the article, Major Sykes, C.M.G. (Gold Medalist of the Royal Geographical Society), British Consul-General and Agent of the Government of India in Khurasan, describes "A Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Omar Khayyam," and besides throwing new light on the life and thought of the Persian philosopher-poet draws a vivid picture of Persia of to-day. Another article in the same number, entitled "Beyond Kashmir," describes a shooting trip among mountains so weird and desolate that they reminded the author of the scenes of the philosopher-poet drawn by H. G. Wells. Colonel C. E. de la Poer Beresford writes of an official mission to Bokhara, to which he has much to say in praise of Russian administration in that part of Central Asia, and recalls the gallant death of three British officers—Wyndham, Stoddard and Conolly—who were killed by order of the Amir, Nasr-Ullah-Bahadur. Miss Mary Brindley gives an account of an eight months' visit to Nyasaland, and Miss Agnes Waring describes Dalmatia, a part of Sweden lately visited by tourists. How a steamer was carried in sections overland to a lake in the Andes over mountains and across waterless deserts is told by Mr. W. F. Nixon, who undertook and successfully accomplished the feat. Of great interest is an article by Mr. David Fairchild, the Chief of the U.S.A. Department of Agriculture, in which he describes the aims of the "Office of Plant Introduction" and the work of its officials, who search for plants and seeds that may profitably be cultivated in America.

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Hongkong, October 2, 1908. 1293

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ARGADIA.....7000	Feb. 19	CHINA.....11000	March 5	March 11
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MARSEILLES.....10000	March 19	(Through steamer calling at Bombay)	April 2	April 8
DEVANHA.....8000	April 5	MONGOLIA.....10000	April 16	April 22
ASSAYE.....7500	April 12	MARMOIRA.....10000	April 30	May 6
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HAICHING	SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 26th Oct., at 10 a.m.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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General Managers.

Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

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JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	DEPARTURE ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP...	JAVA	Second half of Oct.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Oct.
TJILWONG...	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.
TJIPANAS...	SHANGHAI	Do.	JAVA	Do.
TJIBODAS...	JAPAN	Do.	JAVA	First half of Nov.
TJIMAH...	JAVA	Second half of Nov.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Nov.
TJIKINI...	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.

THE Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
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YOKO BUILDINGS, 1st Floor.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
SAFARI	2540	R. Rodgers	Manila	SATURDAY, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m.
RUBI	2540	W. R. Almond	Manila	SATURDAY, Oct. 30, at Noon.

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TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	Oct. 19.	10th Nov., at Noon.
EMERALD	Nov. 18.	8th Dec., at Noon.
EASTERN	Dec. 14.	5th Jan., at Noon, 1910.

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FOR VANCOUVER

THE Steamship

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From Hongkong, on

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for VANCOUVER, VIA JAPAN

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KUMERIC.....18 November.

AYMERIC.....18 December.

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OCEANO.....13 February.

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Hongkong, October 7, 1909.

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FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND HULL

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Captain H. C. NORMAN will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 25th October, at Noon.

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FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

THE Steamship

ARRATON APOAR.

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THE Steamship

CONQUEROR.

Captain T. G. WILSON will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 30th October, 1909.

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THE Company's Steamship

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This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

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THE Steamship DELHI, Captain G. W. GORDON, A.R.N., carrying 2140 tons, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, etc., with Passengers and Mails, on SATURDAY, the 30th October, 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's Steamship China, 7312 tons, from Colombo, Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Suez and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and Telex London (under arrangement) will be exchanged at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, etc., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. Malacca, due in London on the 11th December, 1909.

Passes will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 18, 1909.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Captain G. E. WILSON will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 30th October, 1909.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, Agents at Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 14, 1909.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

PRINCESS ALICE.

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns, and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th of October will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 27th of October, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 1st of November, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

This Steamer brings Cargo:

Ex s.s. Bayern from Smyrna.

Transit Agency:

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, October 20, 1909.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN & MANILA.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo per Steamship

A.S.I.A.

The above-mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining on board after SATURDAY, October 23rd, 1909, at 5 p.m., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All cargo undelivered on THURSDAY, October 23rd, 1909, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown on TUESDAY, October 26th, 1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 21, 1909.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

COBLENZ.

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of October will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd of October, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 25th of October, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELBOURNE & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, October 18, 1909.

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NORTH-BOUND.

Leave—Shanghai (Steamer)..... Thursday Saturday or Sunday

Arrive—Dairen (")..... 11 a.m. Tuesday

Lv. — Mukden..... 3.15 p.m. " "

Lv. — Changchun..... 5 p.m. Monday

Lv. — Harbin (Russian Train)..... 3.55 a.m. " "

Ar. — Shanghai (Steamer)..... 3 p.m. " "

Connecting at Harbin with State Express for Moscow, Wagon-Lits for Moscow, State Express for Dairen.

SOUTH-BOUND.

Leave—Harbin (Russian Train)..... 9 a.m. Tuesday

Arrive—Changchun (")..... 6 p.m. " "

Lv. — Mukden..... 7 p.m. Wednesday

Lv. — Dairen..... 2.30 a.m. Friday

Ar. — Shanghai (Steamer)..... 12.30 p.m. Sunday

* Russian Train time is 23 minutes earlier than S.M.R. time.

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—Fire Funds..... £5,035,374 15 1

—Life & Accident Funds..... £4,515,843 10 8

Sinking Fund Account..... £5,907 5 8

£18,114,634 11 1

Revenue Fire Branch..... £280,653 13 1

—Life & Accident..... £847,324 13 8

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